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[William Gedney](http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/gedney/), Children walking down road toward house (Kentucky, 1964)

**Course Description:**

Global Studies is a full year eleventh grade course. This course helps students to gain an understanding and appreciation of the people and the cultures from the past to the present throughout the world. This course devotes attention to the background, development and present day cultures of specified areas in the world. Areas of study include: Middle East, Asia, Russia, Europe, Africa, and Oceania. Special attention is given to current trends in the social, religious, economic and governmental arenas throughout the world.

**Classroom Rules:**

In addition to the school rules, I have three main rules/expectations that are shared below.

1. **BE RESPECTFUL!** Treat others as you would like to be treated. Continually following this rule will allow for an effective learning environment.
2. **BE RESPONSIBLE!** This means responsibility for your work, your belongings, your behavior, your participation, and your success in this class!
3. **“Learn Like A Champion Today!”** This means doing everything to the best of your ability. (I promise that I will do my best during this academic year. Can you make the same promise?)

**Classroom Suggestions/Procedures:**

* Attendance will be taken each class period. **Arrive on time!** If you arrive late, please sign the late sheet at the front of the room. (3 = lunch detention, 5 = after school) We start counting from 0 again at the beginning of each marking period.
* Students should remain in their seats until the bell rings and not line up at the door.
* Notebooks, pens, pencils, and paper should be brought to class **EVERY** day.
  + Textbooks can remain in the classroom and may be signed-out if you would like to take one home.
* When leaving the room you must indicate where you are going on the sign-out sheet. Class passes have been made and should be taken for lavatory and locker visits.
* **Locker visits** during class will **rarely** be permitted. Students are responsible for remembering to bring all necessary materials to class.
* **Homework assignments** are not given often so when there is one it is expected that it is done completely and accurately.
  + Occasionally, students will need to spend time outside of class working on projects that were not finished during class time.
* Be prepared for all **quizzes and tests**. Quizzes may be given at any time without prior warning. Tests will be given with at least one-week notice.
* **Ask questions** when you do not understand the material. If you want or need extra help - **ASK!**

**Note about discipline:**

* Obviously, students are expected to follow all school rules while in the classroom. Students who violate the rules can expect to receive consequences as outlined below:
  + Conference with student
  + Lunch detention
  + Parent contact
  + After-school detention
  + Discipline is generally handled by me but there are times when office referrals are necessary.
* This particular sequence may not be followed in all cases.

**Note about absences:**

If you are absent, please make up your work as soon as possible. A filing system will be located in the classroom for you to access any missed assignments/handouts. It is your responsibility to see me if you have any questions about work that was missed while you were absent.

**Academic Honesty**:

It is your responsibility to be academically honest when preparing written assignments and taking tests. Academic dishonesty is not only disappointing for me, but it is also a significant offense for you as a student.

**(Rudy) Student of the Month Award:**

Each month, one student from each class period will be given the “Student of the Month Award.” When considering candidates for the award, the instructor will consider the following items:

* Effort
* Attitude
* Behavior
* Attendance
* Participation
* Academic performance

Award winners will receive a certificate and other small prizes.

**Notebooks:**

* Every student is expected to have a Global Studies notebook. I’ve gathered a few from last year if you are in need of one.
* I won’t look at your notebook but it’s expected that you’ll have one that is brought to class daily.
* Keeping an organized notebook will allow you to be more successful in this course.

**Grades:**

Marking period grades are determined by dividing the number of points earned by the number of points possible. This way you can keep a running total of your grade at all times.

* Check Edline to view your grades in this course. (I will do my best to update Edline every Thursday.)
* Extra credit projects or assignments may be given occasionally. I expect students to do the work assigned in class. If that work is not complete, extra credit assignments are not warranted.
* **Participate** in class! You will be graded using a **Student Participation Rubric** near the end of each marking period.
* **Weekly Current Event Assignment:**

Each Thursday or Friday, a predetermined number of students will be expected to present a current event article to the class. More expectations regarding this assignment will be outlined for you in the Current Events Rubric. Students who do not present on their assigned day will receive a 0. Be prepared!

**Communication:**

* During this course, we will be using a wiki, which is just like a website but it is basically my own and I am responsible for its management. The wiki can be accessed from anywhere and will be used to communicate about assignments, post course documents, and to have class discussions. The address for the site is as follows: **http://rmcfadden.wikispaces.com**.
  + A link to this website will be posted on Edline.

**Texting**

* If you would like, you may elect to receive text message alerts in this class regarding current events and other major assignments. Please note that this is **optional** and obviously standard text messaging fees apply so please consider this prior to signing up.
* Parents and students may contact me through text messaging but it is expected that this be used professionally and for academic concerns. Don’t send me a message that says, “Hi Mr. McFadden.” This will occur through an app on the iPad and will not be connected with my cell phone.
  + Send a message by texting **Sgglobal to 60611**. You should then receive an automated message to which you can reply and your text will be sent to my iPad. Please identify who you are in the text.

**HAVE A GREAT ELEVENTH GRADE YEAR!**